

**NOTICE OF CITY OF SANFORD, FLORIDA
REFERENDUM ELECTION PROPOSING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS,
TO BE HELD ON MARCH 15, 2016**

as provided by

Ordinance Number 2015-4358 of the City Commission, as governing body of
the City of Sanford, Florida enacted on November 16, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 100.342, *Florida Statutes*, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the City of Sanford, Florida that a referendum election which will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 for the purpose of considering approval of ordinance provisions pertaining to the issue of economic development or community development ad valorem tax exemptions as permitted by Article VII, Section (3)(c), *Constitution of the State of Florida*, as implemented by Section 196.1995, *Florida Statutes*.

The referendum election will be held to determine whether the City may implement a program whereby the City Commission may, at its discretion, by enactment of such ordinances as it may determine to be appropriate, exempt from ad valorem taxation up to 100% of the assessed value of all improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new business and of all tangible personal property of such new business, or up to 100% of the assessed value of all added improvements to real property made to facilitate the expansion of an existing business and of the net increase in all tangible personal property acquired to facilitate such expansion of an existing business, provided that the improvements to real property are made or the tangible personal property is added or increased on or after the day the ordinance is enacted. Property acquired to replace existing property shall not be considered to facilitate a business expansion. The ad valorem tax exemption shall apply only to taxes levied by the City. Any such exemption shall remain in effect for up to 10 years with respect to any particular facility, regardless of any change in the authority of the City to grant such exemptions.

The question to be placed on the ballot for consideration by the electors of the City of Sanford will be:

**CONSTITUTIONALLY PERMITTED TAX EXEMPTIONS TO
NEW BUSINESSES AND EXPANDING BUSINESSES FOR
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Shall the City Commission of the City of Sanford be authorized to grant property tax exemptions based upon City-established criteria, pursuant to Article VII, Section (3)(c), *Constitution of the State of Florida*, to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses to create jobs?

_____ **Yes** -- For authority to grant exemptions.

_____ **No** -- Against authority to grant exemptions.

The polls at said referendum election will be open from seven (7) o'clock a.m. until seven (7) o'clock p.m. on March 15, 2016 and will be held at polling places in the precincts of the City.

The City of Sanford shall be authorized to grant economic development or community development ad valorem tax exemptions as presented by the question hereinabove set forth only if the question stated above is approved by vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the City of Sanford voting thereon.

Absentee ballots for this referendum election are available through the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections Office by calling 407.708.7700. Early voting will occur in accordance with the controlling provisions of State law.

Additional information is available on VoteSeminole.org and www.sanfordfl.gov.

In the event that a person desires to obtain a copy of Ordinance Number 2015-4358 or any materials related to the referendum election, she or he may obtain a copy from the City Clerk at Sanford City Hall located at the 2nd Floor, 300 North Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida. The Public is encouraged to request copies. Additionally, this Notice, has been published on the City of Sanford Website: www.sanfordfl.gov. The Public is encouraged to visit the City's Website.

In accordance with the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, persons needing assistance in obtaining any information from the City should contact the City Clerk at 407.688.5010.

By order of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida.

By: Cynthia Porter, City Clerk

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